

## No-Holds-Barred Q&A

Blake answers a variety of questions submitted by the congregation dealing with theology, politics, church life, godly living, Biblical characters, and car repair.

### Politics, Poverty, Race, Immigration

- **What does the Bible say about immigrants, both documented and undocumented?**

James 1:19

...everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger

1 Peter 2:11

Dear friends, I urge you as foreigners and exiles to keep away from fleshly desires that do battle against the soul

- **What does the Bible teach about caring for the poor and how does this apply to us as Christians and citizens?**

Luke 12:33

[Jesus said], "Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide yourselves purses that do not wear out – a treasure in heaven that never decreases, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys."

- **How do we participate in racial reconciliation?**

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

- **How do we as Christians deal with the trend of "Fake News" on social media.**

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

- **Many of us who are more politically liberal feel alienated in the church.  
Can large evangelical churches in the south be a home for liberally-minded Christians?**

### How to live a godly life

- **Is it ok for Christians to participate in Halloween, with all of its evil overtones?**
- **Is there difference between struggling with a specific sin and having an unrepentant heart?**

1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:6

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth

- **The Bible is clear that homosexual behavior is sin, but some people are born gay. Why would a loving God allow that to happen? To obey, they must deny themselves earthly love and live a celibate life. That seems incredibly harsh.**
- **Can you give us a theological take on anxiety and panic attacks? How do you deal with the guilt and shame these generate?**

### **People in the Bible**

- **What's happening in Exodus 4? One minute God is happy with Moses, the next, God is coming to kill Moses. Then, his wife starts yelling and throwing things.**
- **Melchizedek. Please explain.**

### **Theology**

- **Is the "age of accountability" a real thing, and if so, how do we know? The idea of a baby going to hell because he or she didn't possess the ability to believe the gospel is heartbreaking.**

Romans 1:18-21

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them...

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...For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks...

- **Why believe in Christianity?**
  - Why follow a God who forces you to believe or you'll go to hell?
  - If God is good, why do so many bad things happen?
  - How can you believe a religion full of impossible stories like Creation, the flood, Jonah and the fish?

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